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Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 10:40 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: RE: AML Fairbanks

Thank you! Will do.

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sun 11/4/2007 7:35 AM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: AML Fairbanks

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To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Nov 3, 2007 11:26 AM
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Please let me know if there is anything you want me to communicate at AML next week in Fairbanks, given that is another familiar crowd to you. Sean

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: RE: Road Replacement

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From: "Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)" <govpalin@alaska.gov>

To: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2007 7:45 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: My apologies

Here's the latest. Don't worry, I won't be forwarding anymore emails from chris unless there's some substantial revelation.

The thing that bothers me the most is he likes to perpetuate instability on the 3rd floor, and that it has only gotten worse since he and bit left. Who does he think he is?

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:33:17 2007

Subject: Re: My apologies

In regards to who's leaking information from the Third Floor, that I don't know. And that's the truth.

As a common understanding, courtesy, or condition when getting something that may be sensitive, I don't press my sources on where they get their information -- unless I really need something on the record. However, insisting that my sources reveal their sources is usually met by a grin, a wag of the finger, or an "Oh, Chris, you know better than to ask that." If I press, then I risk losing an opportunity in the future for more information. That's just the way things work in the capitol and on the street. That's why it takes years to build up trust. (And only a second to destroy it.)

When I worked for the governor, I was stunned several times when certain people with offices on the ground, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th floors knew more about what was going on in the governor's office or, a source of perpetual frustration, knew more about the governor's schedule than did I. Heather, for example, seemed to know EVERYTHING that was happening on the Third Floor long before she was considered a candidate for the governor's legislative office. It was remarkable, if not troubling.

Here's a whopper for you: in August, I learned from sources in the legislature -- NOT John -- who was going to be the new co-directors in the legislative office a day or two before Mike broke the news to me. I was grateful. That way, I didn't look like a deer in the headlights when Mike told me that my services were no longer needed.

As Ben Franklin once said, three can keep a secret if two of them are dead.

----- Original Message ----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: cgcalaska@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:50:31 PM

Subject: Re: My apologies

Man, Chris. You just wrote on and on about how you want to help the governor succeed, yet you don't want to tell me who's sharing confidential info from the 3rd floor.

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:27:34 2007

Subject: Re: My apologies

Can't tell you.

I must protect my sources.

That's the rules of the game. A reporter is only as good as his sources.

----- Original Message ----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: cgcalaska@yahoo.com

Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:20:05 PM

Subject: Re: My apologies

Chris, you ALWAYS know the beat in the capitol. Who said it?

----- Original Message -----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Sent: Sat Nov 03 17:16:48 2007

Subject: Re: My apologies

That, I don't know.

When I contacted Mindy, she was surprised that I knew.

----- Original Message ----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:10:34 PM

Subject: RE: My apologies

Perhaps I should be more specific. How would anyone know the hiring decision of the third floor? Who would give out that information?

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sat 11/3/2007 5:06 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Re: My apologies

A friend who works in House Finance.

----- Original Message ----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 3, 2007 5:03:38 PM

Subject: RE: My apologies

Well, who told you that Mindy was hired?

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wed 10/31/2007 5:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Re: My apologies

Amen to that -- all of that.

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 3:19:15 PM

Subject: RE: My apologies

There are too many rumors out there that aren't conducive to what Governor Palin and her Administration are trying to accomplish.

There are too many comments about what is going wrong or right; who's working for her and who's not; who's a good employee and who's not; and it goes on and on. I'm absolutely sick of it. I've said this a million times, but what do any of these comments have to do with good public policy? I'm sure neither of us (me or you) know who is going to be hired. Unless you've had a conversation with Mike or the governor, I wouldn't believe it AND if they did talk to you, I sure as heck wouldn't be repeating it. If you do have access to this type of information or any other 3rd floor information, I'd be confronting the person or letting Mike know—I promise you that.

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:09 AM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: Re: My apologies

One more thing ...

After I had the brainstorm in which I thought you could do the job as deputy legislative director, I ran it by John -- thinking he would tell me if I were nuts or not.

He thought you would be better off at Administration, but he didn't seem to think my idea was far-fetched. We both could be assured, at the least, that there would be someone in that office who would work hard and be ferociously loyal to the governor.

----- Original Message ----

From: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

To: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 10:01:50 AM

Subject: Re: My apologies

Nobody told me that you were interested in being deputy legislative director.

It was only an idea I had one night, at home. At the time, it seemed like a Eureka ! moment. It may have been fueled, in part, by the warm cup of sake that I was drinking, I confess.

Given your familiarity with the legislature, I thought and think you could do it. You know the players, the quirks, the personalities. You know how legislation moves through committee. You know the lay of the land. You understand the process and how difficult it can be.

I want the governor to succeed. So I was brainstorming on who could take the job to help meet that goal. Your face popped into my mind.

On a different note ...

I'm now listening to Senate Judiciary discuss the pluses and minuses of the gross tax versus the net tax. It's going well. Pat's doing a good job. Of all the committees that are hearing the governor's bill, this one is and will be the kindest and most supportive of her.

Be that as it may, the real fight -- or, at least, the biggest and most important battles -- will occur on the House and Senate floors.

I'm of the opinion -- and several reporters agree with me -- that the governor is in a win-win position. A nice place to be. More on that, later.

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From: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2007 9:28:43 AM

Subject: RE: My apologies

Again, I still haven't heard that Mindy or anyone else was hired. It hasn't been confirmed, that I know. You never encouraged me to apply for the deputy director position. I never have come up to you once in person, in writing, on the phone and said, 'I want to be the deputy legislative director." Understandably, I'm very curious who would tell you something like that. That's the only information that's relevant to this entire conversation.

Please don't offer me knowledge or confidence if it's based on rumor—it doesn't help anybody.

Thanks,

Ivy

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 1:12 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

Subject: My apologies

My apologies.

I never meant to offend or hurt you. On the contrary, I intended to offer you encouragement and support. I clearly missed the mark. And for that, I am sorry.

I just want to see you flourish and succeed. Hence, my clumsy attempts in offering you encouragement and the latest rumblings in the capitol. Confidence and knowledge -- that's all I was trying to offer.

To be clear, I want our governor to do well and continue to shine. She's a welcomed balm to this malignant, diseased political system. I want Alaskans' current love affair with her to last the arc and span of her political career. It's good for people to have faith in their leaders and their government. Refreshing, too.

Let me tell you what I tell others unabashedly, including my friends in the press corps: in spite of what happened to me, in spite of my losing a job in the governor's office, I want the governor to succeed. I want her to remain popular and strong. I want her to stay popular and strong so she may negotiate from a position of strength when dealing with the oil industry. You and I both know all too well what it's like for the state to have a weakened, unpopular, and lame-duck governor. I don't want to see that happen again. Especially to her. I adored her while I worked for her. And I still do. As John Tracy said last year, she's a breath of fresh air.

Let me remind you that I voted for Sarah Palin in last year's primary and general elections for two reasons: her strong stand on the gas pipeline and her embodiment of an ethical public life. Sarah Palin doesn't just talk about ethics. She lives it. She embodies it. She has made sacrifices to uphold it. That's why I like her.

Just so you know, I did not forward your e-mail to John or anybody. And I am not sending this one to anyone via blind copy or any other means.

I am disheartened that you have lost your faith and trust in me, if, indeed, you ever had it. This is a personal loss for me.

Perhaps this is the price I must pay when trying to balance my friendship with John with my desire to see the governor succeed.

For what it's worth, I plan to tease him today ... mercilessly ... over John Harris's live shot yesterday during KTUU's 5:00 newscast. Did you see it? Oh, my God. Let me put it this way: John Harris is NO Sarah Palin. Ha! I still marvel at how she handles herself -- so easily and adroitly -- in front of the cameras. She makes it look easy and effortless -- a true sign of a master, as we learn in aikido. It seems she requires so little preparation and then, bam! Nails the press conference. Nails the interview. I don't why, but it leaves me in stitches every time. I've worked for seven legislators. Not one holds a candle to the governor in this regard. She's remarkable. Or, as Bill McAllister once told me, amazing.

As for my previous e-mails to you ...

I just had a brainstorm one evening that you would be good in the legislative office. And I just wanted you to know that. I still do, by the way, for what that's worth.

When I learned that Mindy got the job, I felt like an idiot having tried to encourage you to pursue a position that had already been filled. I wrongly assumed -- largely because I believed you are far better connected than I -- that you already knew about that hire. My apologies, again, for being a moron.

I do wish you well and I want you to continue to shine.

Chris

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From: " Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: Christopher Clark <cgcalaska@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 2:32:15 PM

Subject: RE: You could have done it

I hadn't heard they appointed a deputy director. I'm sure it's not pubic information yet. And how would you know if I was interested anyway?

I don't appreciate you stating the first line as if I had been inquiring with you or anyone else about who the new deputy would be, and I don't appreciate that you infer that you and I have been discussing my interest in the deputy director position. Your email was cleverly written and although I can't prove it I will assume you blind copied others.

Your comments about Tibbles can only come from John Bitney—feel free to share that with him too. And, if Mike was your friend and you believed in the Administration you wouldn't be passing on rumors you hear. I don't want to hear the rumors because I don't believe them.

I've also asked you politely before not to send me emails regarding the governor. I would appreciate if you would honor my request.

I'm not, as you say, trying to get "closer to the governor." I don't need to try. She knows I'd do anything for her.

From: Christopher Clark [mailto:cgcalaska@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, October 29, 2007 1:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (DOA)

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Yes, I heard about the new deputy legislative director.

Good for Mindy. And condolences to her as well.

This is interesting because it proves that Tibbles still has some sway up there. That he's not quite the lame duck some may perceive him to be.

It's also interesting because the decision was made during the special session instead of afterwards as expected.

There are several good things about Mindy: she knows the legislature, understands the personalities, she HAS a good personality, she knows Tibbles well, and she knows the importance of fiscal notes. She's competent, experienced, dedicated, and used to putting in long hours. And she wasn't happy with recent developments in Senate Finance.

For what it's worth ...

I think you could have done the job. It would not have been easy. It would have strained the outer limits of diplomacy. But it would have gotten you closer to the governor.

I'm disappointed that you weren't given the chance -- if that was even an option. On the other hand, I would have been mortified if I had encouraged you to take the job, you got it, and it turned out to be a disaster for you -- thus setting you way back rather than moving you way forward. In that regard, I am relieved that you're still where you're at.

You are well off there. Annette and Kevin have much to teach.

My recommendation: get a regular session under your belt there. Just like Frank did. And learn, learn, learn. Have you become more familiar with Excel yet? Here's your chance.

Hang in there, mon amie.

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